



5M7 GRAM

December 2016



The snow has started to fall. That means our Mid-Winter Convention is not far off.

Thank you to all the clubs that took part in the Peace Poster Contest. The entries have been coming in and they are just great. There is a lot of wonderful and talented youth in our District. Check them all out at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Lion Kathy and I have been on the road again with many great Governors Visits, pancake breakfasts, and we even made it up to Manitoba, Canada for District 5M13s Mid-Winter Convention. It was a beautiful weekend and a great convention. The only part that was not so great was the drive up there.

Please put your club activities in the Gram and on the calendar on our website. It makes it a lot easier to attend if we know about things in advance. It just takes a second to post it.

I'm looking for Lions to volunteer at our Mid-Winter Convention. We have a few committees to fill, so please email me if you'd like to be on a committee. Come down to the Mid-Winter Convention, the committee has been working hard to make it the best ever. Opening ceremony, bring a surprise to everyone that attends. Saturday is show off your club apparel or causal dress day. Lunch is a Birthday Party for the Lions turning 100 years old. So come on down and meet with Lions we've known for years, Lions we will meet for the first time and to have a great time.

If you have a project and are a little short on help, let Lion Kathy and I know. If we are free and have enough notice we would love to help out. We've helped with golf tournaments, tent concerts, and cooking burgers for the Special Olympics year-end party. So just us know!!

Again, please advertise you clubs projects on the website calendar.

Thank you for all you do.



District Governor Steve Linder





Greetings Lions,

I want to start off this month by saying Thank You.

Your club membership numbers are increasing.

You have added 91 new Lions to your clubs since the beginning of July with 23 new members in the last couple months, keep up the outstanding work.

Many of the clubs have had or scheduled the governor's visitations already, another thank you.

Our goal is to recruit new members to join to help lighten the load and do more for our communities.

Membership to join Lions is by invitation.

Make sure that new members are a good fit and make sure they have met everyone else in

the club.

Let's keep on thanking our fellow Lions for asking people to join.

Strength in numbers makes projects so much simpler.

The MidWinter Conventions is coming up soon, the Hotel made a mistake on the link for making online reservations, the correct link is http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Lions%205M7%20Convention%20%5EMSPMN%60LCMLCMA%6093.00%60USD%60false%602%601/12/17%601/15/17%601/4/2017&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes Please use this for your hotel rooms.

Thank you all for being Lions. I'm certainly proud to be a member of the World's Largest Service organization, thank you, thank you.

Thank You,

Lion Dan Kaiser 1VDG

Lions, Lioness & Leos,

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be done and we will all have eaten too much. We have so much to be thankful for. At least the weather has finally decided to match the calendar. I don't know about all of you, but this was the first year that I ever went deer hunting wearing my camo shorts on multiple days.

The Mid-Winter Convention is approaching fast. I hope many of you are planning on attending and helping us celebrate our anniversary. It's at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott again. There is information on it in both the Gram and on the 5M7.ORG web site.

This is the last letter I get to write that you will read before the New Year. Happy Holidays to all and thank you in advance for all the things your clubs will do over the holidays.



Thank you,

2VDG Al Kvistero

DGE Steve's calendar:

December

- 7 Buffalo Lions Governor's Visit
- 13 SLP Leos Holiday House
- 15 5M7 Convention Meeting
- 17 SACA Food Baskets

January

- 6-8 5M5, 5M6 and 5M9 Mid-Winter Conventions
- 12-15 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention
- 20-22 5M1 and 5M10 Mid-Winter Conventions
- 25 Chisago Lakes Lions Governors Visit
- 27-29 5M4 Mid-Winter Conventions

February

- 1 Crow River Lions Governor's Visit
- 3-5 5M8 and 5M11 Mid-Winter Convention
- 6 Cokato-Dassel Lions Governors Visit
- 7 Cambridge Lions Governors Visit
- 9 Rush City Lions Governors Visit
- 10-12 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
- 17-19 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention
- 20 Montrose Lions Governor's Visit
- 21 Cedar East Bethel Lions Governor's Visit
- 28 Fridley Lions Governors Visit

Calling all delegates!

Yes the Mid-Winter Convention is coming! And sooner than you think. The official letter to all Clubs requesting your delegates will be coming out in December, 2016 (once I have received the official numbers from LCI). That doesn't mean you can't start thinking about it and talking about it at your Club Meetings. Don't be caught off guard. The rule is 1 delegate for every 10 members. And the same number of alternates. The number of members is based on your totals to LCI as of November 30, 2016. More information is coming in future 5M7 Grams. Please make sure to read the 5M7 Gram and the District 5M7 Website for valuable information on the coming Convention.

Lion Debbie Roherge
District 5M7 Cabinet Sec/Treas
debrob1955@gmail.com

Upcoming events

December

- 10 Breakfast With Santa, 8-11 a.m. at North Branch Senior Center. Children can purchase gifts from Santa workshop for 25 cents.
- 10 Wyoming Lions Santa Days, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Wyoming City Hall
- 10 Deb Beam Benefit Dinner, 2-7 p.m. at Fridley American Legion

The reason for the late Gram



I want to introduce you all to Gavin William Licht, my son who was born Nov. 25. While I was rushing around preparing for his arrival, I forgot to send out a reminder for the Gram deadline, and I did not have time to work on the Gram until I returned from paternity leave this week. I apologize for the delay that this caused.

Creating the Gram this December will be tricky as I balance my new responsibilities and work around the holidays. You can help by sending Gram submissions as early as possible. I will try to send a reminder before the Dec. 20 deadline, but I can't guarantee it.

I'd like to remind you that posters for events should be sent as PDFs or Docs. Photos of events should be sent as JPGs with the accompanying information, so I can lay them out. Please do not include them in PDFs or Word documents.

Thank you!

Gram Editor Lion Gabe Licht
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2016-17 5M7 Cabinet

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2016- 2017 DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISIT

Club: _____

Preferred Date: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Social Hour: _____ Dinner/Meeting Time: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Directions: _____

Dinner: Yes ____ No ____ Joint Meeting? Yes ____ No ____

If so, list other club (s) _____

Special Requests during visit?(Install Officers, Induct new members,
present awards, or other _____

1st Vice Governor Invited? Yes ____ No ____ Spouse? Yes ____ No ____

2nd Vice Governor Invited? Yes ____ No ____ Spouse? Yes ____ No ____

Zone Chair Invited ? Yes ____ No ____ Spouse? Yes ____ No ____

Please return this form to me via email or snail mail to schedule your club visit. I will contact you one week before visit to reconfirm your date and go over any special requests.

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Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank: December is holiday time and the season of giving. With this in mind, remember to give the precious gift of sight by becoming a donor. When you get or renew your driver's license, please mark **YES** for organ and tissue donation. That gift of your eyes to the **Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (MLEB)** provides you an opportunity to benefit so many others. Your corneas can bring sight to two people and your eye tissues can assist researchers in finding a cure for vision ailments. Remember to let your family know of your decision to donate. You want them to be informed and proud of your choice to help others through donating your organs and tissues.

Dec. 4-10 is **Lions Eye Bank Week**. Please have your Club celebrate this event by considering the following: touring the MLEB, inviting a speaker from the MLVF or MLEB to a Club or Zone event, hosting or assisting with an open house at the MLEB, organizing a donor awareness event, informing the public of the service provided by the MLEB, organizing a fundraiser for the MLEB.

Parade of Green/Donations by check: Since you're already in the gift giving mode for the holidays, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle would like to remind the Clubs of 5M-7 to remember the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF) when preparing **Parade of Green** donations for at the Mid-Winter convention. So many worthwhile projects are supported by the MLVF and your contributions are needed. Please make your checks out to the **MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION** and mark your designated project of support in the **MEMO** of the check.

Amazon Smile: If you're already making purchases on **Amazon** or **Amazon Prime**, you now have a great way to make a contribution to the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** when using these online services. Just log into your Amazon account and enter *Amazon Smile* into the search bar. From there, you will be given the opportunity to register your charity of choice. Just type in *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation* and you'll be able to link the Foundation to your Amazon account. Now every time you make a purchase through Amazon, the MLVF will receive

a contribution equaling 0.5% of your purchase. This passive fundraising can add up over time so, sign yourself up and have your family and friends do the same. The more this service is used, the greater the number of donations will be. It's a perfect way for you to give a little bit extra while you're making your holiday gift purchases or buying your everyday needs.

Potbelly Sandwich Shop fundraiser: If you happen to be in the Coon Rapids area **Thursday, Dec. 8**, stop by the **Potbelly Sandwich Shop at 12485 Riverdale Boulevard NW (Riverdale Blvd & Main St.)**. The MLVF is holding a fundraiser for the **Lions Children's Eye Clinic** from **5-8 p.m.** When you place your dine-in or take-out order, **25%** of your bill will be donated to the *Lions Children's Eye Clinic*. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated. Please help us in raising funds to help the more than 8,000 children who are treated each year at the U of M!

Used Eyewear Collection at Mid-Winter Convention: PDG Paul and Lion Lyle will be collecting used eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses and hearing aids at the MLVF information booth at the Mid-Winter Convention. The **Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC)** will be picking up on Sunday any eyewear dropped off during our convention. If your Club or Zone has eyewear to turn in, please have someone bring it to the information booth. Please remember to remove all eyewear from the cases. The recycling center does not want to have to the dispose of the cases. You can also pick up eyewear donation boxes for your collection sites at the information booth.

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle can assist your Club with its own vision projects and also inform your Club on how it stands towards receiving Helen Keller Sight Awards for presentation to deserving recipients. Please have your Club schedule PDG Paul and/or Lion Lyle for a visit. Don't forget to turn in your collected used eyewear and hearing aids to your Zone chair, PDG Paul or Lion Lyle.

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7 for truly being **"Knights of the Blind!"**

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LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

I am happy to say that this past June, one of the 2 Youth Scholarship winners was from Minnesota!! She received a \$2,500 scholarship!! This was the 5th year that scholarships were given from the LITPC.

The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams!!

The LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the Pin Traders contributed US \$144,000 to LCIF.

The Youth Scholarship Program is another example of the Pin Trader's slogan, "Lions First". The 5M Pin Traders Club along with 13 other Pin Trader Clubs from across the USA support the LITPC Scholarship Program.

Selection of a scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by March 1, 2017.

ALL graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness, or members of Leos Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Scholarship program. This does include students from Canada.

To apply for a LITPC Youth Scholarship:

1. Go to the LITPC Website address - www.litpc.org
2. Click on right column LITPC Scholarship information
3. Click on Scholarship Application Form
4. Complete Application Form
5. Submit completed Application Form along with all required information to the person listed below.

Lion Bill Guthrie
5M Pin Traders Scholarship Chairman
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ALSO, if any Leos Club in 5M7 would like me to come and speak about the Youth Scholarship Program and Pin Trading, please contact me (Lion Bill Guthrie).



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various activities within her school and community. She was part of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Leo Club, TRIO Upward Bound and the president of the Asian Club. During high school, she had dedicated over six-hundred service hours of volunteering with the Leo Club and National Honor Society. She is looking forward to the next four years of college, beginning this fall.

Molleysa Yang is a Spring Lake Park High School graduate. She will be attending the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She is interested in pursuing a Biology major hoping to pursue the pre-medicine path. Molleysa was involved with

Environmental Thoughts and Projects
“Live simply so that others may simply live”
Mahatma Gandhi

The Holidays are just around the corner and with that electricity bills will increase for many reasons – shorter days and longer nights, holiday gatherings, extra baking and meals. There are a few small ways to help control energy costs – turn down your thermostat and therefore wear warm clothing, replace incandescent bulbs with LEDs and wash clothes in cold water.

The 2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest

The photo contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.

All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc) are welcome.

Photos should be original and unaltered.

Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leos club serves.

Photos that include people will be disqualified.

Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8” x 10”.

Please continue to take photographs of the environment as you note the changes and beauty of your neighborhood.

Submit photographs by December 31st, 2016, they will be displayed at the Mid Winter Convention in January, 2017 and winners sent to the Multiple District for judging and possibly selected to be displayed at the 2017 International Convention.

Grab your camera and send 8” x 10” photos to:
Lion Jan Dubats
12967 Crooked Lake Lane NW, Coon Rapids MN 55448

Environmental chair Lion Jan Dubats



2017 5M7 MID-WINTER CONVENTION PARADE OF GREEN



CLUB

Donations Being Presented Today

1. Lions Clubs International Foundation LCIF (Melvin Jones)
2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (Helen Keller)
Eye Bank; Macular Degeneration Center;
Children's Eye Clinic;
3. MD5M Hearing Foundation (Hearing Research Fellowship)
Children's Hearing Center
4. Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (Dreamcatcher)
5. 5M7 Wellness Van-Mercy Hospital
6. Can Do Canines
7. Leader Dog
8. Project New Hope (Returning Veterans Program)
9. American Diabetes Association (Dreamcatcher)
10. True Friends (Camps: Friendship, New Hope, Courage,
Courage North and Eden Wood)
11. Camp Confidence
12. Special Olympics
13. Other (please list) (non 501C (3))

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Non-Gambling Donations

14. 5M7 Leos
15. 5M7 Youth Exchange/Youth Camps
16. Kids Sight First
17. Others (please list)

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Please list previous donations to these organizations made prior to today and starting at the beginning of this year (07/01/16).

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Puppy Program Info Session



Are you interested in volunteering in our Puppy Program? There are lots of ways to help! Join us from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2016, to learn more about our Great Start Homes, Puppy Raisers, Short Term Foster Care and our Prison Puppy Foster Home opportunities.

Please RSVP for this free hour-long informational session by emailing Laurie Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator at lcarlson@can-do-canines.org or calling her at 763.331.3000 ext. 113.

To learn more please visit: www.can-do-canines.org/events/



Centennial Public Relations Contest
Lions Clubs of MD5M July, 2016-January 1, 2017



District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

**** Attach only 1 picture page**

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ____ Yes ____ No ____

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? ____ Yes ____ No

Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2017.

Clubs may enter more than once.



The Lions MD5M Centennial Planning Committee **Needs Your Help!**

MD5M will celebrate the Lions Centennial on the first weekend in June 2017 at the Mall of America.

MOA will feature large screens in the Rotunda showing Lions Videos for the entire weekend!

We need your Clubs/Members
videos and pictures!
They can be recent or several years old.

The clips/photos will be put together for a presentation by District.

Send your Videos and Pictures Via Email or DVD via US Mail to:

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dreach@valgroup.net
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Maple Grove, MN 55311
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Districts 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13

PDG Joe Schlichenmeyer

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Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9

Any digital format accepted. Filename should include club name, event, other identifying info.

Suggested Filename Format: District.ClubName.Description.extension

For Example: 5M5.HopkinsNoontime.Picnic.jpg

Deadline for submission is January 15, 2017. *But, do it now!*



MD5M Council of Governors Meeting, Saturday, October 15, 2016

The Council of Governors held their quarterly multiple meeting with all 12 District Governors present.

Past Council Chair Dave Dominick- Multiple GMT Chair presented recognitions for the first quarter of 2016-2017. Best Retention- District 5M10 -16; Most New Members- District 5M7 +66; 2 New Clubs Chartered- 5M3 and 5M5; District with positive memberships- 5M5 +24, 5M9 +20, 5M3 +17, 5M7 +13, 5M10 +9.

PCC Bert Nelson- LCIF Multiple Chair recognized 3 Districts with LCIF medals for contributions (bronze) 5M2, 5M6, and 5M7. Two districts placed in the top 5 in constitutional area #1- 5M6 and 5M8.

IPCC Kathy Jensen announced LEO of the Year to 5M2 Leo Mariah Grissom from the Northfield Lions.

Council Chair Todd Neumann presented International President Jitsuhiro Yamada Certificate of Appreciation to IPCC Kathy Jensen. Eight Districts received Centennial Legacy Banner patches: 5M1, 5M2, 5M5, 5M6, 5M7, 5M8, 5M9, and 5M11. It was announced that MD5M received an award at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum for having the highest number of attendees. CC Todd reminded us that anyone who has any proposal at the Council of Governors needs to have representation at the meeting.

PDG Steve Collins – MD5M Legal Chair stated in writing that he has a new email address for any club with legal questions, md5mlegal@gmail.com

A reminder from CC Todd that every district needs to have their Hall of Fame nominations in 30 days before your Mid Winter Conventions. Al Jensen nomination needs to be in to CC Todd before March 1. Peace Poster winners need to be to CC Todd by December 1.

The train to Chicago registration has been sent out to all newsletters. The Lions car will only be leaving from St. Paul. You can still catch that same train at other stops, just cannot have a seat in the Lions car. All cars are open so you are free to wander to the Lions car and spend as much time as you wish. For more information please contact Lion Dennis Kelly at 651-788-3486.

The Council of Governors is looking for bids for future Multiple Conventions. Bids need to be 2 years out so that the hope of an International President to attending would happen.

Ten out of 12 Districts were present to meet International President Bob Corlew when he visited Minnesota in October. IPID Mike Molenda reported that PID Haynes Townsend is running as a candidate for 3rd International Vice President and was endorsed by MD5M Council of Governors.

The Council of Governors endorsed an application for KidSight LCIF Grant Application submitted by IPDG Jay Norby. MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation- PDG Linda Albrecht Norby thanked everyone who worked the State Fair booth. \$100 for 100 years campaign has kicked off with banks distributed throughout the Multiple. You have until June 15, 2017 to collect change. The Diabetes Foundation calendars are closer to completion. PCC Judy Loken reported the last day to turn in money is October 31. GLT- PCC Earl Orvik- Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum is in Mahanomen in November with the Regional Lions Leadership Institute March 30-April 2, 2017. Only 72 spots are open for participation. GMT- PCC Dave Dominick- in the Multiple last quarter we took in 459 new members and dropped 509 with a loss of 50. LCIF- PCC Bert Nelson challenged every DG to have 100% participation in their district. For every district achieving this goal, PCC Bert will donate \$100 to LCIF. Lions Eye Bank of Canada & NW Ontario, Lions Foundation of Manitoba & NW Ontario and Lions Hearing Committee- PDG Cheryl McKittrick- the Ben Ward Award has been withdrawn and a new award called the Decibel Award is now being used. The Board is developing a five year plan. A hearing aid loaner program is being developed in Manitoba. MN Lions Vision Foundation- Lion Lyle Goff- \$100,000 was donated to Lions KidSight and MN Lions Eye surgery open and doctors are now doing cataract surgeries. We are looking to develop a Lions Eye Institute at the U of M. The building will cost between \$40-50 million dollars with naming rights for Lions to be about \$17.5 million giving us a 15 year time frame to acquire funding. Project New Hope- PDG Dick Labraaten- Camp was just held at Ironwood Springs by Rochester. We are hoping to have 10 camps held in 2017. Public Relations- Lion Cheri Appel- We are still in need of Public Relations Chairs in a couple Districts so please try to get those filled. 2017 MD5M Convention, Bemidji- Lion Wayne Tieman- Friday will be Celebration, Saturday will be Service and Sunday will be Generosity. Watch your newsletters for details. Technology Consultant- DG Steve Wasserman- I'm willing to do Braille for your Mid Winters, please contact me.

Lions Clubs International

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Lions Clubs of Minnesota - Celebrate at the Mall of America

Saturday, June 3rd 2017

Hello fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leo clubs. We are working hard to make our celebration at the Mall of America both a great way to share our story of community service and to provide a way for the community to get involved.

Our plans include activities that support our four centennial areas: Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, Protecting our Environment, and Engaging Our Youth. We are still in the planning phase- and need your support.

Relieving the Hunger: We are working with 2nd Harvest Heartland to have stations at the MOA that both attendees and Lions members can put together "Kids Meal/ Snack Packs". These packs would then be distributed to 6 food banks through out Minnesota. (Crookston, Rochester, Duluth, Fargo/Moorhead, Grand Rapids, and the Twin Cities)

Here is where we are in need of your help. Each "kids pack" will cost \$3. We need your financial support to help make this happen. Donation checks need to be made to 2nd Harvest Heartland. They are a 501c3 organization, so gambling funds can be used. Attached is a donation form that your club can fill out and send to the committee lead. Any amount will help.

After your donation, we will ask you to let us know what time frame you'd like your club to be recognized. Each hour that we pack (from 11-12, 12-1, etc) will include the names of those clubs. So if you'd like to assist and "work" at those same times (family & friends welcome)- we will make sure you are recognized at the same time. We need your donation no later than March 1st, 2017.

We hope your club will get involved in some way at this once in a life-time event. There will be many other ways to also get involved. As these areas are confirmed we will send information out to you. Thanks for all you do!

**WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION**



Why Donate to 2nd Harvest Heartland....

1. You are helping to support giving kids in need -summer "snack packs" that will be distributed all over the state of MN.
2. Your club will be a part of the 5M Lion's 100th Celebration. And will be recognized.
3. You can use this donation as part of your Centennial project.
4. Your donation is to a 501c3 organization. You can use gambling funds.
5. Club members can get involved at the Mall of America in putting together these packs and assisting others.



Second Harvest Heartland Donation Form

Club Name: _____ **District #** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Amount of Donation: _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100

_____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ \$ Other

Please make checks out to Second Harvest Heartland.

Second Harvest Heartland 501c3 23-7417654

1140 Gervais Ave, St.Paul, MN 55109

You will receive a donation receipt once processed.

Your donation will help fund the Lion's "Kid's Meal/Snack Packs" at the Lion's 100th Celebration on June 3rd @ the Mall of America event. Any remaining funds will become the property of Second Harvest Heartland.

Please attach your check & mail no later than March 1, 2017 (absolute deadline) :

**Lion Cheryl Thompson
Centennial Hunger Chair
903 Montrose Blvd S
Buffalo, MN 55313**

You will receive information on sign up for special recognition of your club no later than April 1st, 2017.

Have questions? cherylakthompson@gmail.com or call 612-481-3088



" UPDATE ON TRAIN"

ALL ABOARD FOR THE 2017 LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

November 7, 2016

As you know we were trying to work something out with Amtrak as to having a train car for Lions to go to Chicago for the 2017 Convention.

As of this update we have filled the dedicated Lions Car on the train. However if anyone is still interested in riding the train you can go out on line to the Amtrak web at: www.amtrak.com/tickets-reservations and sign up. The train number we are taking is 8/28 leaving at 8:00AM on Thursday June, 29, 2017 and we will be returning from Chicago on train 7, leaving at 2:15PM on Wednesday July 5, 2017. For some of you this may be a good opportunity for you to get on the train at a location more convenient to your home location. Unfortunately those that signed up to ride in the Lions Car must come to the St. Paul Amtrak Station to get onto the train as Amtrak was not willing to pick up a large group other than at one stop.

We hope that those of you that may have been thinking about the train will do so fairly soon as we think the train may fill up fairly quick as for other Lions to the West and North of us may see this as a viable and reasonable way to get to Chicago for our Lions Centennial Celebration.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Lion Lynn Farley
(651) 426-9407
Ltfarley1@Q.com

Centennial Public Relations Contest

Time is running out to participate in the MD5M Public Relations Contest. The cut-off date is December 31, 2016. You can use any project that your club has run this year for this contest. It takes about 15 minutes (or less) of your time to fill out the form, find a picture(s) and submit it to me. Some of you have had some terrific projects this year and it's time your club gets the recognition it deserves. What's in it for you? If your project wins at District level (5M3) you will receive a beautiful plaque for display. The project then goes into competition at Multiple level which could profit your club \$500.00 into your administrative fund.

Please submit your application to glicht@heraldjournal.com or mail to:

Lion Gabe Licht
PO Box 498
Delano MN 55328

More than 50 Lioness gather in Big Lake

District 5M7 Lioness gathered at Big Lake Lions Park Monday Oct. 24. Representatives came from Anoka, Big Lake, Cedar East Bethel, Clear Lake, Lino Lakes, Montrose, North Branch and St. Francis. A brief social hour was followed by a great dinner provided by host club of Big Lake.

These Lioness Clubs proudly serve their communities and the world in a multitude of ways. Their goals are community betterment, aid to the sick and handicapped, care for the elderly and less fortunate, support to schools and the leaders of tomorrow, and host community blood drives in association with The American Red Cross. Lions and Lioness alike contribute time and dollars to True Friends - Camp Courage and Camp Friendship – which offers a true camping experience for the handicapped. Lioness support their sponsoring Lions Club in a variety of service activities in addition to planning and implementing projects of their own. Lions and Lioness perform services in areas such as Diabetes, Sight and Hearing venues, Drug Abuse/Awareness programs, local Food Shelves, support and Scholarships to local schools.

Speaker for the evening was Lion Joel Anderson from the Minnesota Diabetes Foundation. He gave a commanding presentation outlining the signs and symptoms of Diabetes. The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (MLDF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with Diabetes by funding research to cure Diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities. One in four people who are reading this are at risk for Diabetes. Are you one of them?

The speaker was followed by addresses from District 5M7 Governor Lion Steve Linder; Lioness Associate Lion Kathy Linder, and Vice Governor Lion Dan Kaiser. Each club gave a brief accounting of club activities – Brag Time! And the evening was closed by door prize drawings.

All Lions and Lioness Clubs invite into their membership any community-minded person to share their goals. We combine good times and fellowship with respect and etiquette, and enjoy a spirit of comradeship as we attend to pleasant tasks of humanitarian

Gun Raffle Calendar

St. Michael Lions



A beautiful 2017 full color wildlife calendar with a weekly chance to win a gun for a whole year! Featuring a new wildlife picture each month to go with a drawing to win a gun each week.

Great Gift Idea!

Cost:

\$50/calendar

Limited Quantity:

Only 1,000 calendars will be sold

Drawings:

After each drawing, the winner's number will be put back into the drum for a chance to win again

Calendars Available At:

Dehmer's Meats, St. Michael
Hardware Hank, St. Michael
Any St. Michael Lions Member

Rules are printed on the calendar. Limited quantity. Gaming License #06422

December 2016

"We Serve"

www.e-district.org/sites/5M7

BENEFIT DINNER

Support Deb Beam as She Kicks Cancer's Ass

**December 10th, 2016
2PM TO 7PM**

Fridley American Legion
7365 Central Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432

Adults - \$12

Children 5 & Under - Free

**Pasta with Red Meat Sauce or
White Sauce, Salad & Fresh Bread**



All proceeds benefit Deb Beam's fight with Stage 4 colon Cancer.

For more information & to follow her journey visit - gofundme.com/debkickcancersass

Donations to the 'Beam Cancer Fund' and/or Silent Auction items, please contact John Dolin @ 651.246.8839

Hosted by North Branch Lion Club
along with family & friends of Deb and Rusty



Cash Bar | Raffle | Silent Auction | Bake Sale | Wine Wall

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SAVE THIS DATE

Jan 13, 2017

Gambling Seminar
Cabinet Meeting
Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service
Socializing and Hospitality Rooms

Jan 14, 2017

Casual Dress till the Governors Banquet= Club Vest and/or Club Shirts
Speakers
Display Tables
Meetings Birthday Party at Lunch
Governors Banquet

Jan 15, 2017

Non-denominational Church Service
Breakfast

**And More don't miss this years
Mid-Winter Convention**

WANTED: YOU!!
FOR: AN UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY
WHAT: 2017 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute
WHEN: March 30 – April 2, 2017
WHERE: Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahanomen, MN

We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2017 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute! Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and three (3) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$100 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. Participants **MUST** be available to attend **ALL** sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2016. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

Institute graduates from your district will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact:

Lion Earl Orvik – ejorvik1@gmail.com

We look forward to giving **YOU** this **UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!**



Join us at the
"LIONS OF THE NORTH"
 98TH MD5M Convention
 April 21,22,23, 2017
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-10



REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB: _____

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

MEAL	AT 2016 MD5M CONVENTION	BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017	ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$45	USD: \$45		
SUNDAY BRUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: \$0.00				TOTALS:	

"Zero-K Walk for Diabetes" USD: \$20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt.

T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S) _____ (M) _____ (L) _____ (XL) _____ (XXL) _____ (XXXL) _____

Make checks payable to: **MD5M 2017 CONVENTION**

Mail payment & registrations to:

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB

P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619

Convention Information Email:

Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com

Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

GRAND TOTAL

SUBMITTED:

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES

Bemidji 2017

December 2016

"We Serve"
www.e-district.org/sites/5M7

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To See and Do!

Tours



Air Corps Aviation
~Specializing in the restoration, maintenance, and rebuilding of vintage WWII aircraft. Passion, dedication and award-winning detail.
www.aircorpsaviation.com



Bemidji Woollen Mills
~Historic, Fashionable and Family owned and operated. Local fiber to final product.
www.bemidjiwoolenmills.com

Lakeland Public Television ~
Educate, entertain, enrich and enlighten. Local and national programming. A true gem of the North. Empower citizens and connecting the diverse communities across the region. Reaching an estimated 7,500 sq miles.
www.lptv.org



Other Opportunities:

Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8>
Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

Hotel Accommodations

Country Inn and Suites (Convention Headquarters)
218-441-4800
110 rooms on hold
Attached to Sanford Center

Additional

Accommodations:

AmericInn 218-751-3000
Best Western 218-751-0390
Double Tree by Hilton

218-441-4400
Shuttle to Sanford Center

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

218-751-3600
Shuttle to Sanford Center

Holiday Inn Express

218-751-2487

Quality Inn 218-444-7700

Super 8 218-751-8481





CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
LIONS CLUBS 100TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Chicago, Illinois USA • Friday, June 30 – Tuesday, July 4, 2017



DEADLINES MAY 1, 2017:

• Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. (Registrations after this date will be processed in Chicago). • Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION: Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

☐ Leo ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____

COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

☐ Leo ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____

CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ ☐ Alpha Leo

PACKAGE A:

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

☐ Before January 13, 2017 ☐ Reservation in delegation hotel
☐ After January 13, 2017 ☐ I prefer my delegation hotel ☐ Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name _____

Arrival Day/Date _____ Departure Day/Date _____

Number of Guests in Room _____ Number of Beds Needed ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Special Requirements: ☐ Non-smoking ☐ Wheelchair Accessible ☐ Other

The Hotel deposit is US\$200 per room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B:

☐ NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above.)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 3/ 13:30-15:00	US \$75	_____	\$_____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 3/ 20:00-22:00	US \$125	_____	\$_____

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE PROJECTS IN CHICAGO

☐ I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Chicago Centennial Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 13, 2017)	US\$130	US\$10	US\$60	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 14 through March 31, 2017)	US\$180	US\$10	US\$60	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2017 – onsite)	US\$200	US\$10	US\$60	Hotel Deposit: US\$ <u>200.00</u>	
				Total Due: US\$ _____	Total Due: US\$ _____

☐ Check # _____ ☐ Wire transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Discover ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on card _____ Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number _____ Expires Month/Year _____ Security code (3 digits) _____

X _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Mail: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • **Fax:** +1 630.571.1689 • **E-mail:** registration@lionsclubs.org

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.